



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/832,837

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For: SURFACE POSITION DETECTION
DEVICE AND EXPOSURE
APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE
METHOD ACHIEVED BY
UTILIZING DETECTION DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2878

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the originally filed specification with the attached substitute
specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-90 and add claims 91-114 as follows:

91. (New) A surface position detection device for detecting a surface position of
a detection target surface, comprising:

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